Ancient Wonder Story as Elucidated By Bacon

IS EXPLAINED TO APPLY

To the Present War By an Ingenious Oklahoman.

Stillwater, O. T., May 27 .- To the Editor of the Elagie :- About three bundred years ago the most profound and searching intellect that ever dwelt among men gave to the world, in "The Wisdom of the Ancients," a rational explanation of some of the stories of the Grecian mythology. vana. Make your neels fly, Mr. Perseus One of these explanations dwelt with the you have the wings. Never mind a few story of Perseus cutting off the head of skulking and dodging Spanish warships Medusa, that frightful female head which turned men to stone who gazed upon it. Hacon interprets this fable as describing the art and judicious conduct of war, and this particular essay is well worth reading at this time in connection with our own war with Spain. The essay is entitled "Persues, or War," and opens as

"Perseus was sent, it is said, by Pallan, to cut off the head of Medusa, from whom many nations in the westermost parts of Spain suffered grievous calamities: a monster so dreadful and horrible that the mere sight of her turned men to stone.

It seems from this that our enemy is the original Medusa, and is still plying her ancient and devilleh practices in inflicting upon her unfortunate subjects in the West Indies the usual calamities. Continuing. Bacon says:

"By way of equipment for this noble exploit, Perseus received arms and gifts from several different gods. Mercury gave him wings for his feet Pluto gave him a helmet; Pallas a shield and mirror. And yet so well provided and equipped as he was he did not proceed against Medusa directly, but went out of his way to visit the Graecae, who were half-sisters of the Gorgons."

Persues is, evidently-my phopheti our Uncle Samuelt He has been given by congress—the three gods of Re-publicanism, Democracy and Populismthe winus of steam for his beels, the helmet of armored battle ships, and the shield and mirror of coast defense. And yet, so well provided, your Uncle Sam did not proceed against Spain directly, but against her half-sister, the Phillp-pines, and cut off her head the first stroke. "He found her asleep," says Bacon, and that really seems to have been what the Spanish admiral was doing when the reverberations of Dowey's cannon broke upon the early morning air.

"The severed head was fixed by Perseus in Pallas' shield, where it still retained its power of striking stiff, as if thunder or planet-

stricken, all who looked upon it." Of course this has reference to the fixing of the Philippines in the shield of Uncle Sam's possessions, and as a fearful Lesson to any power who may be inclined to get gay, or to look upon the severed head with covetous eyes. France vel please plack herself to see if she is

sets forth three sound and weighty pre- stores are mismsing, but the report excepts to guide the deliberations in deter- culputes Rosenbaum, with the exception ining what kind of a war should be chosen, and saver

"The first is, not to take any great trouble for the subjugation of the neighboring nations. \* \* \* In private property, the vicinity of estutes to each other is of importance, but in extending an empire, occasion and facility of carrying the war through, and value of conquest, should be regarded instend of vicinity."

According to this rule we are all right a capturing the distant Philippines. "socasion" was there, and the "fa cility" with which Dewey seized it should satisfy the most fastidious and captious war critic. The "value of conquest" seems 000 per annum to help carry on the war. and ought if properly handled, to pay the entire national debt.

"And thereupen Perseus, though he belonged to the Bast, did not decline a distant expedition to the uttermost parts of the West."

Eminently correct, Mr. Bacont Thet's the kind of Persues your Uncle Samuel since the Westminister Confession is, to a guat's heel. We are not declining of Faith Was Adopted. not give your Spanish Medusa a private sight. The American Persons is baldscreams it is a sign of trouble in the

just and honorable cause for the war, for this begets alacrity as well in the people, from whom the sup-

in our back yard in the shape of a liberty our millionic forces have united, north soving people suffering under infamous and south, to carry freedom to the ends according that would bring a block of the match. shame to the check of the "unspeakable Turk himself, a nohe vessel, lying at faining into a chair. The scene caused peace and freighted with brave bors in considerable excitement and order was him sent to the bottom of the blue, sent to the bottom of the ocean by only restored by the an the cowardly hand of an amazani Did General Braver had reco

"Also it opens the way for alliances and conciliates friends."

phecy combined. Ten't the way spening for an alliance with England? Talk about friends! Aren't England and the ited States a regular Damon and Py-

"Now," continues the author. plous than the overthrow of a tyrprostrate without spirit or vigour, as if turned to stone by the bend of Meduna,"

A plous war, is it? Then your Uncle Samuel stands pat. This war is saturated with plety. Our soldlers and sallors are priests, friars, monks and missionaries. Every battleshin is a church, where every call to quarters is divine service. Butters

Every shrick of a shell is a hymn, every roar of a II-inch gun is a prayer, and every exploded Spanish magazine is a we are the original sout-savers. All want is to get our cirrical hands up Spanish fleet, and we will baptize a "the bosom of the deep." Piety?

course. Remember the Maine! "Nor is the circumstance that those wings were for the heels and not for the shoulders without an allegorical meaning and a very wise one. For it is not in the first attack so much as in those that follow up and support the first, that swiftness is required, and there is no error more common in war than that of not pressing on the secondary and subsidiary actions with an activity answerable to the beginning."

These are wise words for our model Perseus to ponder, and there is dange of violating the rules of the allegary, and of committing an error that will carry b its train grave consequences. The vigo of Dewey's beginning is a thing of heavy and a joy forever, but much time has been commumed in suporting him, according to his request, and of moving upon Ha-The fable states that when the Medus head was out off there sprang forth from the blood a winged Pegasus, and Bacon explaining this part of the allegory, says

"The conclusion of the war is followed by two effects; first, the birth and springing up of Pegasus, which obviously denotes fame flying abroad and celebrating the victory. Second, the carrying of Medusa's head upon the shield, for this is incomparably the best kind of a safeguard. A single brilliant and memorable exploit, happly conducted and accomplished, paralyzes all the enemy's movements, and mates malevolance itself."

The effect of our Uncle Samuel's efform seem to be strictly according to the rules of the allegory. There seems to have been a "victory" at Manila, and the rumpet of fame has sounded some very oud blasts in honor thereof. The general ensus of opinion seems to be that Dewey is a dalay," His exploit will be 'memorable" in history, and no more memorable than "brilliant." It seem to have been "happily conducted" and to have all the elements of a "paralyzer upon the enemy, and if any foreign powers have a tooth of malvolence against us, they had best pluck it out, for in the game of war your Uncle Samuel has never been mated. F. C. HUNT.

ALVA'S NORMAL ENJOINED

Long Threatened Proceedings Have Been Begun. Guthrie, O. T., May II.-Special.)-As oreshadowed in the dispatches to the Exgie two weeks ago, papers were today is aued from the district clerk's office enjoining the board of regents of the normal chool from proceeding further with the building. The plaintiffs are H. Overhol ser, T. W. Williamson and Eugene Wallace, three wealthy tax-payers of Oklahoma City, and Virgil Hobbs, the ewil known politician of Kinnfisher. Horace Speed of Guinrie is the attorney representing the plaintiffs

REPORT ON ROSENBAUM

Holds Him Responsible For Two Hundred Dollars Worth of Stores Guthrie, O. T., May 27.-(Special.)-The military board of survey appointed by the governor to examine the accounts of Thit C. Rosenbaum, tate adjutant general and quartermaster, has completed its inbors and filed its report, which will not be made public, however, until the gov-Racon further tells us that the fable lis contents. Large quantities of military supplies amounting to something over \$200, for which the board of survey holds

Fire Near Manchester, O. T. Manchester, O. T., May 27 .- (Special.) The residence of Adam Burg, five miles wouth of this city, was totally destroyed hold goods w as saved but a trunk of

at \$2.50 a day to help save the enormous

wheat grop. Good Times About El Reno. El Reno, O. T., May M - (Special.)-Yes-terday and today were the busiest days our wholesale merchants have had since last fall. Two hundred and twenty-five wagon loads of wheat, cats and corn were sold in this city. The trade came from around Arapahos, Cloud Chief and points west. The wagons that came in loaded with grain returned loaded with groceries and farm implements.

TWO CENTURIES AND A HALF

Winona Lake Ind. May M-Routins rian general as-

minister conference minister confession of faith. The last specifier on the affection program was former Governor James A. Beever, of Pennsylvania. In closing he romarked facilitative pointing to the national embiem that he had lately seen federal and der the same banner.

General Beaver grew pale and almost "Just cause for war!" "Abscrity!" fell to the platform, but, grasping the Why, those are our strong points. Is pulpit be exclaimed: "God speed the day there anything in history more secure when the neithern and southern Presby thus the position of the United States in terian churches shall unite to carry for-thuse respects? An insufferable numarical ward the gospet of the son of Gid. at

the world observe the voting by congress. A large attendance had been advertised, of that \$50,000,000? No one can may there but it hald falled to materialise, when was a lack of alacrity there. Our sainers the exercises began though limet baskets threaten to mutiny unless the squadrons were in evidence. The commissioners to move, and our soldlers have to be tied the assembly were late in being seated, were the preto keep them from jumping into the guit many being accustomed to omit the pre-iminary devotional exercises. The exer-cises of the day had the Westminster

standards as their objective point.
Two interesting incidents occurred at This is a fead easy allegory and prothe opening. An baken gavel and granite
shely combined. Isn't the way opening block from Westminster Abbey were preor an alliance with England? Talk sented afor the use of the assembly. Later Dr. William C. Gray presented an A. portrait of Alexander Henderson, the leader of the Scotch commissioners to Westminster assembly Westminster assembly and author of the famous "Solemn League and Covenant"



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